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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Eureka School District Office, Board Room,  
5477 Eureka Road, Granite Bay, CA

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**1) Call to Order 7:04 PM**

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

Suzanne Jones asked Virg Anderson to lead the pledge.

**3) Introduction of MAC Members and Secretary**

Suzanne Jones, Bill Bowen, Virg Anderson, Barbara Singleterry, Eric Bose, John Thacker and Te Iwi Boyd, Secretary.

**4) Approval of the Agenda**

Motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion seconded and passed, 6-0.

**5) Approval of the Minutes**

a) May 6, 2015

Motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion seconded and passed, 6-0.

**6) Public Safety Reports**

a) Placer County Sheriff

Deputy Lew reported that this month has been busy. He reported that a vehicle was stopped and that it turned out the individual was responsible for a number of burglaries closing up to 40 cases in the Roseville and Rocklin areas. Deputy Lew reminded residents to lock their cars and take their valuables out. He also reported that there had been a couple of additional arrests made last week. They are seeing an increase in the number of thefts as school is out, and the weather is getting warmer. Unfortunately, this is typical for Granite Bay during the warmer months.

Deputy Lew reported that the woman mentioned at the last meeting regarding a Granite Bay burglary, had been in custody. However, she was able to make bail. The Sheriff's department is looking at some additional charges relating to her. This woman has been tied to another person related to other thefts.

Deputy Lew reminded residence that writing down license plate numbers of suspicious vehicles and reporting them to the Sheriff's Department is very helpful as are photos and home surveillance video.

b) South Placer Fire District

A representative from South Placer Fire District reminded residents to use extreme caution as it is fire season. He reported a recent one acre fire in Loomis that occurred in a trimmed grass area. He urged residents to watch for mower fires as vegetation and grass areas are extremely dry. They are expecting a very active fire season. A ban on burning is expected to begin in the next week.

- c) California Highway Patrol  
A report was not given from the California Highway Patrol.

7) **Public Comments:** Any member of the public may address the Municipal Advisory Council on any matter that is NOT listed on the agenda. Comments will normally be limited to three (3) minutes per person at the discretion of the Chairperson. There were no public comments.

8) **Supervisor Report** (If Supervisor Kirk Uhler is not present, Linda Brown will present) Supervisor Uhler reported that National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 4, 2015. Information for the event is available in the back of the room.

#### **mPower Provides Incentives for Installing Water Conservation Measures**

The Board of Supervisors approved a waiver of the processing fee for all mPower applications received between May 1 and October 31, 2015 that include the installation of \$1,500 or more in water conservation measures. This can amount to a \$600 savings in some cases. The improvements can be financed for up to 20 years and are repaid by an addition to the annual property tax bill. Since August, 2014 mPower has provided over \$27M in financing to more than 800 property owners making it the most successful public energy efficiency and water conservation financing program in the Sacramento region.

#### **Board Reviewed Plan for Addressing 2015-16 Budget Challenges**

The Board took a close look at several key budget challenges that will face the County next fiscal year and a preliminary plan for addressing those challenges. The new budget begins July 1 with the final budget being adopted in September.

#### **Conservation on Tap – Drought Update from PCWA**

PCWA customers reduced water by an average of 25%, with residential customers saving 18% and agricultural users saving 35%. On April 1, Gov. Brown issued an executive order requiring the State Water Resources Control Board to implement 25% statewide reductions in potable water use, and to increase enforcement against water waste. PCWA is required to reduce consumption by 32% and is telling its customers that they will need to achieve at least the same conservation levels that were met in 2014. PCWA offers rebates for installing water saving toilets and washing machines, and hopes to offer its turf replacement and efficient irrigation program again in the fall. For further information contact PCWA.

#### **Homeless Shelter opened at the DeWitt Center or Placer County Government Center in North Auburn**

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the homeless shelter opened at the DeWitt Center in North Auburn. The shelter provided overnight shelter to 40 people the first night it was open. This shelter will provide overnight shelter to adult men and women from 5pm to 7am seven days a week. It has 47 beds, with separate accommodations for men and women. In February the board approved a site-access agreement that allows Volunteers of America and Right Hand Auburn to open the shelter as a three-month pilot project in a building at the DeWitt Center. The agreement includes a requirement that community meetings be held regularly once the shelter opened, so public and county employees have a platform for offering comments, voicing concerns and sharing incidents that may arise from shelter operations. Shelter staff

will refer homeless individuals to appropriate services provided by the county and community organizations. Unfortunately, despite the opening of this shelter, the DeWitt Center is experiencing a homeless camp. This issue will be brought to the Board of Supervisors on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Updated Vision for DeWitt Government Center Underway**

The update will lay out a comprehensive plan for building, roadway and utility projects that will be needed at the Government Center, a county-owned campus commonly known as the

DeWitt Center. The DeWitt Center covers approximately 200 acres located west of Hwy 49 south of Bell Road. The Board will consider the future of the entire center during the Master Plan Updated – including those areas that will be needed for county government services and areas that will be available for private uses.

**9) Informational Items/Non-Action:**

- a) **Auburn Folsom Widening Project Update:** Presented by: Kevin Ordway, Senior Civil Engineer, Department of Public Works and Bob LoRusso, Vice President of Salaber Associates, Inc. (10 min.)

The latest update on the Auburn Folsom Widening Project will be provided. What information can you expect to hear? What are the contractors doing now? What work still needs to be done? What is the anticipated completion date? Is there more work to be done in the future? The answer to these questions and more will be provided in the update.

Kevin Ordway, reported that they expect this project will be complete by the end of August 2015, if not before then. They hope to have paving completed by the end of June/early July. There have been some changes to the plan near Country Court, north of Eureka through Fuller Drive. They noticed that Fuller to Douglas overlay is not sufficient and will require grinding and new pavement. Public Works wanted to alert residents to the closure of Auburn-Folsom Road at night. This closure will cause detours. Mr. Ordway pointed out the proposed detour on a map. The road closure will be four (4) nights between 7pm and 6am. Advance notice will be given to residents.

Member Anderson asked how individuals will be notified of the road closure. There will be changeable message boards seven (7) days in advance of the road closure and residents that live in the immediate vicinity of the road closure will receive a hand out and/or personal contact notifying them of the closure.

A member of the community asked about the light at Eureka Road and Auburn Folsom. The wait time at the light is 6½ minutes. Will this light eventually be on a loop?

Other community members asked about the “domino” affect that is occurring on Barton Road, south of Eureka. Is there a plan to look at the circulation in this area? A round-about?

Richard from the Public Works Department said that the intersection has not recently been looked at but it is on the list for future improvements. The County is aware that something needs to be done to improve the traffic circulation and that there are funds in the budget allocated for this intersection.

It was also reported by the Public Works Department that there will be future improvements to Joe Rodgers including bike and pedestrian improvements. Public Works would be happy to come back to the MAC at a later date with a specific update on these projects including future highway safety improvements that are also slated for a later date.

**10) Action Items:**

- a) **Folsom Lake Estates Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Project:** Presented by: Alice Atherton, Associate Civil Engineer, Department of Public Works (20 min.)

Members of Folsom Lake Estates community have formed a committee that is utilizing the County’s Neighborhood Traffic Management Program with the goal of implementing

traffic calming measures in their neighborhood. The community has voted on a neighborhood ballot with the purpose of showing the community support of installing permanent speed cushions and one stop sign, with a majority of the cost borne by the neighborhood. Results of this ballot will be presented. Public Works is requesting a Recommendation of Support from the Granite Bay MAC.

This item will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on July 7, 2015.

Ms. Atherton, from the Department of Public Works provided the MAC with the history of the County's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. Prior to the implementation of this program, neighbors would contact the Public Works Department regarding traffic issues relating to their neighborhoods. Speed bumps would often be installed, but then neighbors would call and complain to Public Works about the speed bumps and then Public Works would go out and remove the speed bumps. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program that has since been implemented was created to address the problem, seek a solution, then test and verify the solution to ensure it works for the neighborhood.

For the neighbors of Folsom Lake Estates, speeds were a concern as well as the volume of traffic through their neighborhood. Temporary speed cushions were placed in the neighborhood at specific locations that Ms. Atherton pointed out on a map. Both the speed and volume of traffic through the areas where the cushions were placed were tested before and after installation and the overall effect is that the volume and speed of traffic both decreased. Ms. Atherton showed a slide with "Measured Effect of Speed Cushions". With this data, a community meeting was held in December 2014. This issue was then placed on a ballot for neighbors to vote on as called for in the Program. The program requires a 50% response, in this case, they received a 2/3rds response in favor of the proposed traffic calming measures. Ms. Atherton went over the results of the ballots in several slides. Additionally, Ms. Atherton presented slides indicating where the proposed speed cushions would be located, where the existing temporary speed cushions are located, the position of the proposed stop sign and the existing stop sign. The community voted in favor of implementing the proposed traffic calming measures. The concern for a stop sign passed by 67% and the ballots showed a community willingness to financially contribute to the costs associated with the installation of the speed cushions and stop sign.

Two representatives of The Folsom Lake Estates Traffic Calming Committee addressed the MAC requesting the support of the MAC to support this project. The Committee has worked with the Department of Public Works for approximately 8 years to help solve the growing vehicle speed problem. Folsom Lake Estates is a neighborhood of approximately 300 homes on narrow streets which are 30ft. or less, with changes in elevation, hidden driveways, and many children. The streets through this neighborhood have no sidewalks, bike paths or street lights. Access to individual property is limited; making entering or exiting driveways dangerous due to high speed drivers and blind corners. Children are unable to walk to the community park and parents must take turns escorting their children to bus stops. Runners, walkers and bicyclists cannot safely proceed to nearby trails or to the lake without fear of being hit. The neighborhood lost their CHP community liaison due to budget cutbacks.

The neighbors feel that their only recourse is the use of physical measures (speed cushions) which have been extensively tested and proven effective in reducing speeds through the neighborhood.

A letter requesting MAC support was passed around to the MAC Members from The Residents of Folsom Lake Estates, The Folsom Lake Estates Homeowners Association Board of Directors and The Folsom Lake Estates Traffic Calming Committee.

Member Bose asked if this was an action item because it required a traffic warrant. Public Works clarified that typically this would be the case, however, that is not the case with this project as it is part of the entire program for traffic calming.

Member Bose asked if speed was checked in both directions. Ms. Atherton confirmed that speed was checked in both directions.

Member Anderson asked if the Fire Department was conferred with during this process. Ms. Atherton said that discussions with the Fire Department are what lead to the use of speed cushions instead of speed humps.

Member Bowen asked how payment of this program will be structured. The Public Works Department reported that how the payment of the program is structured will be up to the Traffic Calming Committee. It will be the responsibility of the Committee to get the bids. It is anticipated that the County will pay for the painting and striping of the streets. The County has no authority to collect funds from the neighbors. It will work out to be approximately a 75%-25% split of the costs associated with implementing this program. Estimated cost of this project is between \$60,000 and \$65,000.

Member Thacker noted the wide spread support for this program but wanted to know what the nature of the opposition had been.

Members of the Traffic Calming Committee reported that most opposition stemmed from residents not liking the look of the cushion, some didn't like the placement of the cushion and some opposition was from long time residents that believe in keeping things as they have always been.

Member Anderson applauded the work done by the committee.

Member Bose said that because of the very steep slopes on the roads throughout the neighborhood, cushions are very much warranted in this situation.

A community member asked if the County is becoming more favorable to speed bumps and other traffic calming measures. He has speed bumps on his private road and finds them very helpful. Ms. Atherton explained that there is always a change in methodology based on street width, etc. However the County has no authority regarding private roads. Although this program is available for private roads to use as a resource.

Member Anderson made a motion to support the implementation of the presented traffic calming program. Motion was seconded by John Thacker.

**Roll Call:**

Bill Bowen – aye  
Barbara Singleterry – aye  
Virg Anderson – aye  
Suzanne Jones – aye  
Eric Bose – aye  
John Thacker - aye

**11) Correspondence – Found on Table at the rear of the room.**

**12) Next Regular Meeting – July 1, 2015**

**13) ADJOURNMENT 8:15 PM**